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Applicants: Eric R. Skinner et al.
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING NON-REPUDIATION OF TRANSACTION INFORMATION THAT INCLUDES MARK UP LANGUAGE DATA**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 8-11 are allowed and that claims 9-11 are allowed because of their dependency.

Claims 1-7, 12-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reed et al. The office action fails to address specific claim language and as such the claims are in condition for allowance. For example, with respect to claim 1, the claim requires, among other things, "presenting a copy of the temporarily maintained confirmation request form for